

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 15, 2022

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Mark Dyel opened in prayer and Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Marci Glover, Vice-President; Robby Cockrum, Mark Dyel and Kenny Irvin. Board members absent: Mitch Bennett and Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; SRO Willis; Chief Funkhouser; and BCHS Golf Team and coaches.

4. RECOGNITION OF BOYS GOLF TEAM & COACH NORMAN The Board recognized Reggie Norman and the boys golf team for their 2nd place finish at the state tournament.

Mitch Bennett entered at 5:14 P.M.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Security Procedures, School Building Safety and Security

Kenny Irvin made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Emergency Security. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:19 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:36 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mitch Bennett - yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2022
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2022

6.2 Approve Financial Report (October 2022)

6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (October 2022)

6.4 Approve Request for Wrestling Event in Jackson, MO on December 14, 2022

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Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robby Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mitch Bennett - yes. Motion Carried.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson gave the following updates:

- Roofing Project Update
- Financial Update
- School Report Card Rating
- Triple I conference
- Office Staff Customer Service Training
- SMPG Project Update
- Goal Setting for BCHS
- Career Day at BCHS

Mr. Docherty provided a written report and commented on the academic successes of BCHS students as well as the well-attended Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Mr. Miller provided a written report for Transportation and Athletics.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Approval of Activity Account Expenditure Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the reimbursement to Reggie Norman from the Boys' Golf Activity Account as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Tyler Chance as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2022-23 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the leave request from Brooklyn Ward as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.2 Employment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion employ Kolby Smith as a teacher's aide for the 2022-23 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of Math Teacher as available for the 2023-24 school year. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve Annual Financial Report Mitch Bennett made a motion to accept the Annual Financial Report as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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10.5 Review/Approve Bus Lease Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Leasing of School Busses as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.6 Review/Approve Proposal to Amend Semester Exam Exemption Policy Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the amendment to the semester exam exemption policy as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.7 Set/Approve 2022-23 Tax Hearing Date and Adopt Tentative Levies Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Proposed Aggregate Tax Levy for the Year 2022 as presented and set the truth in taxation hearing for 4:45 P.M on 12/15/2022. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.8 Review/Approve Bushue Human Resources, Inc. Agreement Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the agreement with Bushue Human Resources as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Robby Cockrum – no, Mark Dyel – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Marci Glover – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

12. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY